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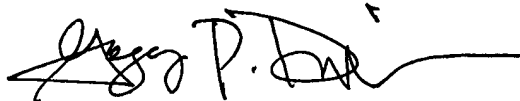
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(4) and § 1.78(5), this Preliminary Amendment is submitted to assert additional priority claims to related earlier filed applications. This Preliminary Amendment further updates the indication of various priority references and references incorporated by reference to include application numbers, which were not available when the application was filed. These and other minor changes add no new matter to the application. The additional priority claims are made within 16 months from the filing dates of the priority applications.

It is believed no fees are due with this Preliminary Amendment; however, if any fees are required, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1415.

If the Examiner should have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,



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